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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

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Southern Command personnel handled 977 crashes as compared to 1,215 crashes in January 2008. The total crashes decreased by 19.6% compared to last year. This reduction in crashes can be attributed to roadway improvements, multi-agency traffic enforcement initiatives on the highway, extensive public education efforts and the significant increases in fuel costs. When compared to last year, fatalities decreased by 1 resulting in a 25% decrease. Of the 25 commercial vehicle crashes investigated this month, 4 resulted in injuries, 1 fatality and the remaining 20 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 2.6% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 4.7% of all crashes in the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 1,022 crash reports in January. This resulted in 2,513 crash reports being mailed out, a reduction of 44.1% when compared to January 2008. There were 975 visitors, requesting police services at the Front Office, which was an increase of 4.2% when compared to January 2008.

The Southern Command Communication Center logged 25,796 CAD incidents and 33,564 telephone calls. CAD incidents are attributable to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had an increase in the overall traffic enforcement by 3.7% in January 2009, as compared to the same period in 2008. DUI arrests from crashes were down 6.1% as compared to last year. DUI arrests prior to crashes increased by 9.1% as compared to last year. Total arrests were down 9.0%.

The Commercial Enforcement Section increased its Hazardous moving violation citations by 50.8% and its other citations by 44.0% as compared to last January. The number of Safety Inspections increased by 7.7% compared to last year. This resulted in 72 vehicles and 45 drivers being placed "Out of Service".

After 25 years with the Nevada Highway Patrol, Major Phil Tilt retired as the Deputy Chief of Southern Command. Major Patrick Gallagher was recently promoted to replace Major Tilt, and will need assistance from all Southern Command employees during these tough economic times.

The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	January-09	January-08	% Change	December-08	% Change
Total crashes	977	1215	-19.6%	1162	-15.9%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	751	953	-21.2%	892	-15.8%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	223	248	-10.1%	260	-14.2%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3	4	-25.0%	9	-66.7%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	46	49	-6.1%	51	-9.8%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3	4	-25.0%	11	-72.7%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	3	-300.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	1	0	2	-50.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1	1	0	4	-75.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	3	-300.0%	0	0
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1	0	100.0%	2	-50.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	25	41	-39.0%	27	-7.4%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	20	34	-41.2%	25	-20.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	4	7	-42.9%	2	100.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.3%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.7%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 50.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 2.6%
- ✱ Total crashes down 19.6 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are down 39.0% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes are down 25.0 % from last year.

## FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	January-09		January-08	% Change		December-08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	46		49	-6.1%		51	-9.8%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	204		187	9.1%		188	8.5%
Other arrests	842		990	-14.9%		876	-3.9%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	396		435	-9.0%		404	-2.0%
Speed violations	3962		4227	-6.3%		3491	13.5%
Hazardous moving violations	1982		2415	-17.9%		1824	8.7%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	393		813	-51.7%		345	13.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	12540		12080	3.8%		9663	29.8%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	98		65	50.8%		72	36.1%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	288		200	44.0%		256	12.5%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	800		743	7.7%		1090	-26.6%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	1		8	-87.5%		0	100.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	334		283	18.0%		261	28.0%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1510		1257	20.1%		1245	21.3%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	72		102	-29.4%		44	63.6%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	45		46	-2.2%		38	18.4%
Total school buses inspected	150		123	22.0%		254	-40.9%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	15		0	1500.0%		42	-64.3%
Total trucks weighed	1112		44	2427.3%		64	1637.5%
Total overweight citations	16		6	166.7%		7	128.6%
Total dyed fuel inspections	573		668	-14.2%		725	-21.0%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		0	100.0%		4	-75.0%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint    ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	4		67		24
Safety Violations Citation	0		12		0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0		84		16
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		6		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		26		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.14%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 31.6 years old.
- ✱ 0.0% of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 8 drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	January 2009		January 2008	% Change		December 2008	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions from Console	351,370		355,596	-1.2%		351,360	0.0%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	2,171,287		1,728,446	25.6%		1,893,935	14.6%
CAD Incidents	25,796		25,129	2.7%		25,320	1.9%
Telephone Calls	33,564		34,643	-3.1%		42,408	-20.9%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	55		52	5.8%		94	-41.5%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	1,022		802	27.4%		1,522	-32.9%
Arrest Reports Processed	398		386	3.1%		496	-19.8%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	56		19	194.7%		100	-44.0%
Vehicle Impound Releases	78		129	-39.5%		116	-32.8%
Visitors at Counter	975		936	4.2%		944	3.3%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	2,513		4,495	-44.1%		8,122	-69.1%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	862		914	-5.7%		829	4.0%
Warrants Entered	499		435	14.7%		523	-4.6%
Warrants Cleared	386		408	-5.4%		380	1.6%
Warrants Validated	2,028		1,947	4.2%		2,093	-3.1%
Extradition / Transports	17		16	6.3%		7	142.9%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>							
New Cases Submitted	93		46	102.2%		94	-1.1%
New Items Submitted	176		74	137.8%		228	-22.8%
Items Disposed	13		0	#DIV/0!		2	550.0%

**EVIDENCE**

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 78.49% of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 16.13 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 0.0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0.0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ OPR is responsible for 5.38 % of case submissions.

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- 5 Contracts using 250.08 hours, billed in the amount of \$18,345.32

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
1012	16	110	25	6

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
773	532	29	121	85	36

Community service appearances: (15 Total )

- Creech AFB (4 presentations)
- Arbor View HS (2 visits)
- Silverado HS (2 visits)
- Cadwallader MS
- Grant Bowler ES
- UNLV
- Clark County Teacher In-Service (2 presentations)
- Clark County School District Student Council Summit (2 presentations)

Additional Appearances and Meetings: (41 total)

- Southern Nevada Traffic Advisory Task Force
- IR 15 Coordinating meeting with NDOT, Cal-Trans, and CHP
- Nellis Air Force Base – First Term Airman’s Course
- IR 15 Blasting Operational Meeting
- IR 15 Design Build project meetings
- Seat Belt Coalition press event
- Legislative press event
- Public Safety event at Las Vegas Land Rover
- On-going training for Meth 360 Project
- DUI press event with the Academy of Human Development
- On-going discussions for OTS & STOP DUI // campaign with Al Unser Jr.
- Driver’s Edge – distribution of OTS funded DVD and event
- Committee work on Nevada Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- SHSP Communicators Workshop